

NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Sexual Battery

Location: On the Beach at Driftwood Ln.

Date/Time Occurred: 06/10/19 @ 1350 Hours

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol, California State Parks

<u>Suspect(s):</u> Hispanic Male, dark complexion, 30-40 years, approximately 5-07, with short dark hair, possible facial hair, medium build wearing black board shorts

Report #: 19-40657

Narrative:

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a call to assist the California State Parks on a sexual battery investigation that occurred on the beach at Driftwood Ln. An officer responded and contacted the victim, a 20-year-old female.

The victim reported she was lying on the beach at the south end of Driftwood Ln., when she was approached by the suspect. She had a shirt covering her face and when she looked up at the suspect, he was kneeling over her and videotaping. When the victim sat up, the suspect grabbed her bathing suit top and tried to remove it. The victim screamed, at which time the suspect fled towards Driftwood Ln. She flagged down officers with the California State Parks to report the incident.

The victim was not physically injured as a result of this incident.

The investigation into this incident is ongoing. Anyone with information related to this incident, or could possibly have video surveillance of the area, is urged to call the Ventura Police Department at 339-4488.

The complete press release, including suspect description, can be viewed online at www.venturapd.org

If you have any information about this crime, you can make an anonymous call to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

If your information leads to an arrest, you could receive a cash reward of up to \$1,000.